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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS

1. CANDIDATES FOR SENATE OR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IN TURKEY ARE SELCTED IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: 1) BY PARTY CONVENTION VOTING ("ONSECIMLERI") AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL, OR 2) DESIGNATION AS A CENTRA QUOTA CANDIDATE BY PARTY HEADQUARTERS. ON AUGUST 31 PROVINCIAL PARTY CONVENTIONS SELECTED CANDIDATES FOR OCTOBER ELECTIONS FOR THOSE POSITIONS NOT BEING RESERVED FOR CENTRAL QUOTA CANDIDATES. LATTER WILL BE NAMED BY PARTIES' NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THIS WEEK.

2. AUGUST 31 VOTING RESULTED IN DROPPING 10 OF 33 JUSTICE PARTY (JP) SENATE INCUMBENTS AND TWO OF EIGHT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) INCUMBENTS FROM LISTS. AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN JP AND THREE RPP INCUMBENTS WERE PLACED SO LOW ON LISTS THEY WILL PROBABLY LOSE. PARTICULARY SIGNIFICANT WAS VICTORY OF FOUR PROMINENT FORMER DEMO-CRAT PARTY MEMBERS OVER JP REGULARS. WHILE THIS HAS REPORTEDLY UPSET SOME MEMBERS OF JP ORGANIZATION, IT DOES FURTHER VALIDATE THE JP'S
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CLAIM THAT IT IS THE ONLY SUCCESSOR PARTY TO MENDERES' DEMOCRAT

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PARTY. IN SAME VEIN, FORMER PRESIDENT CELAL BAYAR WHO SUPPORTED JP RIVAL BOSBEYLI'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN 1973 REPORTEDLY TOLD FELLOW FORMER DEMOCRATS AT A RECEPTION IN IZMIR AUGUST 29 THAT "JP IS NOT THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY. IT IS THE DEMOCRAT PARTY ITSELF." MACOMBER

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